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My article is about a girl named Elena Ciccarelli, who plays basketball, soccer, and softball. She is deaf and relies on an interpreter during practice and games part of the time, but also communicates with her teammates by reading lips. She is from Utica, New York. She has to make sure to be aware of everything that is going on in the game, relying on other senses. She says that things like texting, instant messaging, and Facebook help her to feel “normal.”

While I was reading, I thought that it is very cool how she is able to communicate with her teammates despite her deafness. I also connected this to an article I read about a deaf wrestler. He had hearing aids and also relied on an interpreter and lip reading. I also connected it to my friend who is deaf. She is able to communicate with hearing people through sign language and lip reading.

One thing I wondered was if all the teammates make attempts to communicate with Elena or if it is just some of them. I think that they would have to, since it takes more than one person to win a game being played with a team.

This article relates to my group’s topic because it is about issues in society. Also, it is about how people overcome social issues. It relates to my topic because it is about a deaf girl and it helps show how she is able to communicate with her team, despite being deaf.